

of highest national priority. We renew our pledge to obtain the answers that the family members of these heroes deserve, recognizing the profound loss they have endured and their steadfast resolve to gain the peace of certainty.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 10, 1993, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. I urge all Americans to join in honoring former American POWs as well as those Americans still unaccounted for as a result of their service to our great Nation. I also encourage the American people to express their gratitude to the families of these missing Americans for their dedication to seeking the truth and their determination to persevere through the many years of waiting. Finally, I ask State and local officials and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on September 8.

Message on the Observance of Labor Day, 1993

September 3, 1993

On this important occasion of Labor Day, we take time out of our active schedules to honor the working men and women of America whose diligence and energy have made this country great.

These are the men and women whose sweat and toil built this nation from the ground up. They laid the railways, highways, and runways that brought this far-flung land together. They created an industrial machine

that became and still remains the envy of the world. They answered the call in every time of need and forged the military might of a superpower. And, more recently, they have led the world into a new age of communications and services. Their labors have fed, clothed, and housed this nation in good times and in bad.

Despite labor's tremendous contribution to the growth and success of our country, those who worked hard and played by the rules were once frequently unrecognized and exploited. Yet the cause of labor has advanced greatly in this century because of the determined efforts of brave labor leaders who risked their own security to bring about fair working conditions and a decent standard of living for the rank and file men and women of this country. Labor Day gives us all an opportunity to recognize the pivotal role that working men and women have played in our history.

We are now at the dawn of a new era of prosperity. On this Labor Day, let us dedicate ourselves to the idea that hard work should be justly rewarded. We still have much to do. The challenges of remaining competitive in a global economy make it all the more imperative that we continue to embrace the ideas of innovation and industry. All of us have our own contribution to make to the success of America. We don't have a single person to waste. Recognizing this, we can celebrate this day by reflecting upon the dignity of labor and the pride felt in a job well done.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday.

Bill Clinton

Announcement of Eight Senior Executive Service Appointments

September 3, 1993

The President today appointed eight individuals to senior executive service posts in the Departments of Agriculture and Transportation.

"I am pleased that these eight men and women have agreed to join our team and certain they will each work hard to support the great work being done by Secretaries Espy and Peña to make their Departments work better for the American people," the President said.

Department of Agriculture

Grant B. Buntrock, Administrator, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

Wayne H. Fawbush, Deputy Administrator, Farmers Home Administration

Lon Shoso Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service

Patricia A. Jensen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Inspection Service

Bonnie Luken, Deputy General Counsel
Wilbur T. Peer, Associate Administrator, Rural Development Agency

Department of Transportation

Antonio Califa, Director of Civil Rights

Frank Weaver, Director of Commercial Space Transportation

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 29

In the late evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton returned from Martha's Vineyard, MA, to Washington, DC.

August 31

The White House announced the President has invited Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi of Italy to the White House for a working lunch on September 17.

The White House announced the President sent to Congress FY 1994 budget

amendments for the Department of Justice to support the immigration initiative that the President announced on July 27.

September 3

In the morning, the President traveled to Dover, DE, where he was given a tour of the school-to-work program of Opportunity Skyway at the Sussex County Airport. He then returned to Washington, DC, in the early afternoon.

In the late afternoon, in a ceremony on the State Floor, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Tuiloma Neroni Slade of Western Samoa, Carlo Jagmetti of Switzerland, Koumbairia Laoumaye Mekonyo of the Republic of Chad, Toomas Hendrik Ilves of the Republic of Estonia, Peter P. Chkheidze of the Republic of Georgia, Loucas Tsilas of Greece, Paul Boundoukou-Latha of the Gabonese Republic, Marc Michael Marengo of the Republic of Seychelles, Raul C. Rabe of the Republic of the Philippines, and Odeen Ishmael of Guyana.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 31

Statement on the FY 1994 budget amendments for the Department of Justice to support the immigration initiative that the President announced on July 27